



**APPELLATION:** Napa Valley

**COMPOSITION:** 90% Malbec,  
10% Cabernet Sauvignon

**AGING:** 100% French oak (50% new)  
for 21 months

**ALCOHOL:** 13.9%

**T.A.:** 0.56 g / 100ml

**PH:** 3.61

**HARVEST DATE:** October 5 – 18, 2018

**RELEASE DATE:** March 2021

**CASES:** 291

*With more than 40 years of winemaking heritage in California's most fabled wine region, Napa Cellars produces wines that embody the classic, unmistakable style of Napa Valley. Veteran winemaker Joe Shirley crafts these wines from our own vineyards as well as coveted partner sites from across Napa Valley and its sub-appellations. Meticulous care in the vineyard and gentle winemaking techniques allow the quality and richness of Napa Valley's terroir to shine in the finished product.*

#### VINEYARD

The majority of the grapes for this wine are sourced from the Coombsville AVA. The climate of Coombsville is ideal for Bordeaux varietals. Its volcanic, rocky soils stress the vines, and the longer growing season means full, even ripening of the fruit. These vines produce fruit with layers of complexity, an earthy minerality and an exceptional natural acidity.

#### WINEMAKING

Once harvested, the fruit was carefully sorted, de-stemmed and gently crushed. A 12-day maceration period, complete with seed removal and délestage, helped to coax out the aromatic characters and flavors of the wine and create full, round tannins. After fermentation the wine was aged in 100% French oak barrels, 50% of which were new, for 21 months.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

The Napa Cellars 2018 Malbec is a beautifully balanced wine with a deep purple hue in the glass, and aromas of blueberry, black plum and black figs woven with notes of cedar and tobacco. On the palate the wine is medium bodied, with rich flavors of black raspberry, cherry, cocoa and molasses complemented by a fresh acidity and sweet, soft tannins.

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